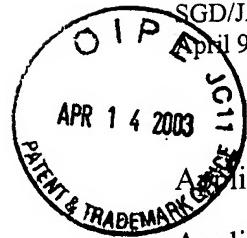


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Richard J. Fitzpatrick, Keith K. Shackett and Jeffrey D. Klinger

Application No.: 10/051,765 Group: 1615

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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				X \$42 \$	X \$18 \$
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- [X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2003, the claims of Group VII (Claims 36-38, 42-44, 48-50, 67, 69 and 71) drawn to a polymer or copolymer comprising pyridinium repeat units and a method for using said polymer or copolymer are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicant hereby elects a homopolymer comprising repeat units represented by Structural Formula (VI) as the species. Structural Formula (VI) is as follows: